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CORRIGENDUM: QUASICONVEX ELASTODYNAMICS: WEAK-STRONG UNIQUENESS FOR MEASURE-VALUED SOLUTIONS

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1. A GÄRDING-TYPE INEQUALITY FOR QUASICONVEX FUNCTIONS

We correct a gap in the proof of Theorem 5.1 in [5]. Precisely, the proof results in the constant C_1 being dependent on t_0 in a way that cannot be controlled. In turn this implies that the constant C_1 in Proposition 4.3 also depends on t_0 . Therefore, the constant C in the first floating inequality below (4.28) is time-dependent. This prevents the use of Grönwall's inequality which would conclude the proof of Theorem 4.1. In this corrigendum, we reprove Theorem 5.1 ensuring that the constants involved are time-independent. In doing so, we follow a strategy developed by Kristensen and Campos Cordero, see [1], and also Campos Cordero and Koumatos [2]. We also point that in [4] the crucial inequality (1.5) in the proof of Theorem 5.1 below has been obtained with a different proof.

We denote by

$$\mathcal{F}_K := \{H \in W^{1,\infty}(\overline{Q}, \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}) : \|H\|_{W^{1,\infty}} \leq K\},$$

noting that there exists a $K > 0$ such that the strong solution $\bar{F}(t, \cdot) \in \mathcal{F}_K$ for all times. We write $C(f, K)$ for a positive constant that depends only on the L^∞ bounds of a function f or any of its derivatives in a ball determined by K . Next, for $f : \mathbb{R}^{d \times d} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, we define the function $G_f : \mathbb{R}^{d \times d} \times \mathbb{R}^{d \times d} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$G_f(z, \xi) := f(z + \xi) - f(z) - Df(z) : \xi = \int_0^1 (1-s) D^2 f(z + s\xi) \xi : \xi \, ds. \quad (1.1)$$

We recall that the function $W \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^{d \times d})$ in [5] is required to be strongly quasiconvex with constant c_0 , p -coercive with p -growth. Note that in the notation of [5], $G_W(\bar{F}(t, x), \xi) = G(t, x, \xi)$. We require a few preliminary results.

Lemma 1. *Let $W \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^{d \times d})$, strongly quasiconvex with constant c_0 , p -coercive with p -growth. There exists a constant $c_2 = c_2(W, K)$ such that the function*

$$\tilde{W}(\xi) := W(\xi) - c_2 |V(\xi)|^2$$

is p -coercive and satisfies the following:

(a) *There exists $C = C(\tilde{W}, K)$ such that for all $z \in \overline{B(0, K)}$, $\xi_1, \xi_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$*

$$|G_{\tilde{W}}(z, \xi_1) - G_{\tilde{W}}(z, \xi_2)| \leq C(|\xi_1| + |\xi_2| + |\xi_1|^{p-1} + |\xi_2|^{p-1})|\xi_1 - \xi_2|.$$

(b) *\tilde{W} is strongly quasiconvex with constant $c_0/2$ at all $\xi \in \overline{B(0, K)}$, i.e.*

$$\int_Q \tilde{W}(\xi + \nabla \varphi) - \tilde{W}(\xi) \geq \frac{c_0}{2} \int_Q |V(\nabla \varphi)|^2, \quad \forall |\xi| \leq K, \forall \varphi \in W^{1,p}(Q).$$

(c) *For all $\xi \in \overline{B(0, K)}$ and all $Q' \subset Q$ it holds that*

$$\int_{Q'} D^2 \tilde{W}(\xi) \nabla \varphi : \nabla \varphi \geq c_0 \int_{Q'} |\nabla \varphi|^2 \quad \forall \varphi \in W_0^{1,p}(Q'). \quad (1.2)$$

Proof. For (a) see [2, Lemma 4.4]. Part (b) follows by applying (a) to the strongly convex $f(\xi) = |V(\xi)|^2$ in place of \tilde{W} and (c) by viewing quasiconvexity as a minimality condition and considering the second variation. \square

The following result is inspired by Dafermos [3, Lemma 4.3].

Proposition 1. *There exists $c_1 = c_1(W, K) > 0$ such that for any $H \in \mathcal{F}_K$*

$$\int_Q D^2 \tilde{W}(H(x)) \nabla \varphi : \nabla \varphi \geq \frac{c_0}{2} \int_Q |\nabla \varphi|^2 - c_1 \int_Q |\varphi|^2, \quad \forall \varphi \in W^{1,2}(Q).$$

Proof. Fix $\delta > 0$ and a finite cover $\{Q_i\} \subset Q$, $Q_i = Q_i(x_i, r_i)$, such that

$$|D^2 \tilde{W}(H(x)) - D^2 \tilde{W}(H(x_i))| \leq c_0 \delta (1 - \delta)^2.$$

Since $H \in \mathcal{F}_K$ and $\tilde{W} \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^{d \times d})$, the cover can be chosen uniformly for $H \in \mathcal{F}_K$. Next, choose a partition of unity $\{\rho_i\}$ subordinate to the cover $\{Q_i\}$ such that $\text{supp } \rho_i \subset Q_i$ and $\sum_i \rho_i^2 = 1$. Given $\varphi \in W^{1,2}(Q)$, we find that for all $H \in \mathcal{F}_K$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_Q D^2 \tilde{W}(H(x)) \nabla \varphi : \nabla \varphi &= \sum_i \int_{Q_i} \rho_i^2 D^2 \tilde{W}(H(x_i)) \nabla \varphi : \nabla \varphi \\ &\quad + \sum_i \int_{Q_i} \rho_i^2 \left[D^2 \tilde{W}(H(x)) - D^2 \tilde{W}(H(x_i)) \right] \nabla \varphi : \nabla \varphi \\ &\geq \sum_i \int_{Q_i} D^2 \tilde{W}(H(x_i)) (\rho_i \nabla \varphi) : (\rho_i \nabla \varphi) \\ &\quad - c_0 \delta (1 - \delta)^2 \int_Q |\nabla \varphi|^2. \end{aligned} \tag{1.3}$$

Note that $\rho_i \nabla \varphi = \nabla(\rho_i \varphi) - \varphi \otimes \nabla \rho_i$ with $\rho_i \varphi \in W_0^{1,2}(Q_i)$ and $|H(x_i)| \leq K$. Then, by (1.2) and Young's inequality, we infer that

$$\int_{Q_i} \rho_i^2 D^2 \tilde{W}(H(x_i)) \nabla \varphi : \nabla \varphi \geq c_0 (1 - \delta) \int_{Q_i} |\nabla(\rho_i \varphi)|^2 - C \int_{Q_i} |\varphi|^2, \tag{1.4}$$

where $C = C(\tilde{W}, K, \delta)$. Through Young's inequality we also find that

$$\int_{Q_i} \rho_i^2 D^2 \tilde{W}(H(x_i)) \nabla \varphi : \nabla \varphi \geq c_0 (1 - \delta)^2 \int_{Q_i} \rho_i^2 |\nabla \varphi|^2 - C(\delta) \int_{Q_i} |\varphi|^2,$$

where $C(\delta)$ also depends on $\|\nabla \rho_i\|_\infty$, in turn depending only on δ and W . Then, after summing up, (1.3) results in

$$\int_Q D^2 \tilde{W}(H(x)) \nabla \varphi : \nabla \varphi \geq c_0 (1 - \delta)^3 \int_Q |\nabla \varphi|^2 - C(\delta) \int_Q |\varphi|^2.$$

To conclude the proof, fix $\delta = 1 - 2^{-1/3}$ and rename $C = C(W, K) =: c_1$. □

We next present a Proposition which is used repeatedly.

Proposition 2. *Let $(H_k) \subset \mathcal{F}_K$, $(h_k) \subset W^{1,p}(Q)$, $(a_k) \subset \mathbb{R}$ such that*

$$a_k^{-1} V(h_k) \rightarrow 0 \text{ strongly in } L^2(Q), \quad (a_k^{-1} V(\nabla h_k)) \text{ is bounded in } L^2(Q).$$

Then,

$$\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{c_0}{4} a_k^{-2} \int_Q |V(\nabla h_k)|^2 \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k^{-2} \int_Q G_{\tilde{W}}(H_k(x), \nabla h_k).$$

Proof. The proof is identical to [2, Proposition 4.6], noting that there is no dependence on the lower order terms (h_k) and no assumptions on (h_k) are required. □

Lastly, we present a decomposition lemma whose proof can be found in [1].

Proposition 3. *Let $\psi_k \rightharpoonup \psi$ in $H_0^1(Q)$. Suppose that $(\eta_k) \subset (0, 1]$ and $(\eta_k \psi_k)$ is bounded in $W^{1,p}(Q)$. Then, there exist $g_k \in C_c^\infty(Q)$ and $b_k \in H^1(Q)$ such that*

$$(a) \quad \psi_k = \psi + g_k + b_k;$$

- (b) $g_k, b_k \rightharpoonup 0$ in $W^{1,2}(Q)$ and $\eta_k g_k, \eta_k b_k \rightharpoonup 0$ in $W^{1,p}(Q)$;
- (c) $\nabla b_k \rightarrow 0$ in measure;
- (d) $(|\nabla g_k|^2)$ and $(|\eta_k \nabla g_k|^p)$ are equiintegrable.

We immediately infer Theorem 5.1 in [5].

Proof of Theorem 5.1 in [5]. We show that there exist constants $C_0 = C_0(W, K)$ and $C_1 = C_1(W, K)$ such that for all $H \in \mathcal{F}_K$ and all $\varphi \in W^{1,p}(Q) \cap H_0^1(Q)$,

$$\int_Q |V(\nabla \varphi)|^2 dx \leq C_1 \int_Q G_W(H(x), \nabla \varphi) dx + C_0 \int_Q |V(\varphi)|^2 dx. \quad (1.5)$$

Then, choose $H = \bar{F}(t_0, \cdot) = \nabla \bar{y}(t_0, \cdot) \in \mathcal{F}_K$ for some $K > 0$ uniform in t_0 , and $\varphi = z^k(t, \cdot) - \bar{y}(t_0, \cdot)$ where z_k is constructed in Lemma 5.6 in [5]. Next, integrate in time and take the limit $k \rightarrow \infty$, using the equiintegrability of $(|\nabla z^k|^p)$ and that (∇z^k) generates $(\nu_{t_0,x}^F)_{x \in Q}$, to conclude the proof of Theorem 5.1, i.e. that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_Q \langle \nu_{t_0,x}^F, |V(\xi - \bar{F}(t_0, x))|^2 \rangle dx \\ & \leq C_1 \int_Q \langle \nu_{t_0,x}, G_W(\bar{F}(t_0, x), \xi - \bar{F}(t_0, x)) \rangle dx + C_0 \int_Q |V(y(t_0, x) - \bar{y}(t_0, x))|^2 dx. \end{aligned}$$

In order to show (1.5), by Proposition 4 below, there exists $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ such that

$$\int_Q G_{\tilde{W}}(H(x), \nabla \varphi) + \frac{c_1}{2} |\varphi|^2 \geq 0 \quad (1.6)$$

whenever $\|\varphi\|_{L^p(Q)} < \varepsilon_0$. Then, by the definition of \tilde{W} and the strong convexity of $f(\xi) = |V(\xi)|^2$, (1.6) says that whenever $\|\varphi\|_{L^p(Q)} < \varepsilon_0$,

$$C(K) \int_Q |V(\nabla \varphi)|^2 \leq C(K) \int_Q G_f(H, \nabla \varphi) \leq \int_Q G_W(H, \nabla \varphi) + \frac{c_1}{2} |V(\varphi)|^2.$$

Then, we can conclude (1.5) as for $\|\varphi\|_{L^p} \geq \varepsilon_0$, by the coercivity of W and Young's inequality, it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_Q G_W(H(x), \nabla \varphi) & \geq \int_Q c|H + \nabla \varphi|^p - C(W, K) - C(\delta)|DW(H)|^q - \delta|\nabla \varphi|^p \\ & \geq -C(W, K) + \tilde{c} \int_Q |\nabla \varphi|^p \geq -\frac{C(W, K)}{\varepsilon_0^p} \int_Q |\varphi|^p + \tilde{c} \int_Q |\nabla \varphi|^p, \end{aligned} \quad (1.7)$$

for δ small enough. This concludes the proof after noting that $\|V(\nabla \varphi)\|_{L^2}^2 \leq 1 + 2\|\nabla \varphi\|_{L^p}^p$ and that, by Poincaré's inequality, $\varepsilon_0^p \leq C\|\nabla \varphi\|_{L^p}^p$. \square

We are thus left to prove the proposition below which is the core of the argument.

Proposition 4. *There exists $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ such that for all $H \in \mathcal{F}_K$ and all $\varphi \in W^{1,p}(Q) \cap H_0^1(Q)$ with $\|\varphi\|_{L^p(Q)} < \varepsilon_0$ it holds that*

$$\int_Q G_{\tilde{W}}(H(x), \nabla \varphi) + \frac{c_1}{2} |\varphi|^2 \geq 0. \quad (1.8)$$

Proof. To prove (1.8), we proceed by contradiction. Suppose (1.8) is false. Then we can find $(H_k) \subset \mathcal{F}_K$, $H \in \mathcal{F}_K$, and $(\varphi_k) \subset W^{1,p}(Q) \cap H_0^1(Q)$ such that $\|\varphi_k\|_{L^p(Q)} \rightarrow 0$, $H_k \xrightarrow{*} H$ in $W^{1,\infty}(Q)$ and

$$\int_Q G_{\tilde{W}}(H_k(x), \nabla \varphi_k(x)) + \frac{c_1}{2} |\varphi_k(x)|^2 < 0. \quad (1.9)$$

Step 1: We show that $\varphi_k \rightarrow 0$ in $W^{1,p}(Q)$ and that

$$\sup_k \frac{\beta_k^p}{\alpha_k^2} =: \Lambda < \infty, \text{ where } \alpha_k = \|\nabla \varphi_k\|_{L^2(Q)}, \beta_k = \|\nabla \varphi_k\|_{L^p(Q)}. \quad (1.10)$$

By (1.9), after using the p -coercivity of \tilde{W} and Young's inequality, we find that $(\nabla \varphi_k)$ is bounded in $W^{1,p}(Q)$. We may thus apply Proposition 2 with $a_k = 1$ and $h_k = \varphi_k$ to find that, by (1.9),

$$\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{c_0}{4} \int_Q |V(\nabla \varphi_k)|^2 \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_Q G_{\tilde{W}}(H_k, \nabla \varphi_k) \leq 0,$$

and $\varphi_k \rightarrow 0$ in $W^{1,p}(Q)$. Regarding (1.10), the p -coercivity of \tilde{W} implies that

$$\int_Q G_{\tilde{W}}(H(x), \nabla \varphi_k) \geq d \int_Q |\nabla \varphi_k|^p - c \int_Q |\nabla \varphi_k|^2, \quad (1.11)$$

as discussed in [6, S.3.2], where $d = d(\tilde{W}, K)$, $c = c(\tilde{W}, K)$. Then (1.10) follows after dividing by α_k^2 and noting (1.9).

Step 2: Let $\psi_k := \alpha_k^{-1} \varphi_k$. Since $\|\nabla \psi_k\|_{L^2(Q)} = 1$ and $\psi_k \in H_0^1(Q)$, we find that $\psi_k \rightharpoonup \psi$ in $W^{1,2}(Q)$. Moreover, setting $\eta_k = \frac{\alpha_k}{\beta_k} \in (0, 1]$, we have that $(\eta_k \psi_k)$ is bounded in $W^{1,p}(Q)$. We may thus decompose ψ_k to find $g_k \in C_c^\infty(Q)$, $b_k \in H^1(Q)$ as in Proposition 3. Write

$$f_k(x) = \alpha_k^{-2} [G_{\tilde{W}}(H_k, \alpha_k \nabla \psi_k) - G_{\tilde{W}}(H_k, \alpha_k \nabla b_k)] \quad (1.12)$$

and note that, since $\alpha_k \psi_k = \varphi_k$, by (1.9),

$$\int_Q f_k(x) + \alpha_k^{-2} G_{\tilde{W}}(H_k, \alpha_k \nabla b_k) + \frac{c_1}{2} |\psi_k|^2 < 0. \quad (1.13)$$

Apply Proposition 2 with $a_k = \alpha_k$ and $h_k = \alpha_k b_k$ to the term $\alpha_k^{-2} G_{\tilde{W}}(H_k, \alpha_k \nabla b_k)$. By using Step 1 we get

$$\frac{c_1}{2} \int_Q |\psi|^2 + \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_Q f_k(x) \leq 0. \quad (1.14)$$

Step 3: Let $\nu = (\nu_x)_{x \in Q}$ be the $W^{1,2}$ gradient Young measure generated by the sequence ψ_k and recall that $H_k \rightarrow H$ in $C^0(Q)$. We show that

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_Q \langle \nu_x, D^2 \tilde{W}(H(x)) \xi : \xi \rangle \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_Q f_k(x). \quad (1.15)$$

In particular, in conjunction with (1.14), we infer that

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_Q c_1 |\psi|^2 + \langle \nu_x, D^2 \tilde{W}(H(x)) \xi : \xi \rangle \leq 0. \quad (1.16)$$

To prove (1.15) we show the equiintegrability of (f_k) defined in (1.12). Indeed, by Lemma 1 (a) and for a constant $C = C(\tilde{W}, K)$, Young's inequality gives

$$\begin{aligned} |f_k| &\leq C(|\nabla \psi_k| + |\nabla b_k| + \alpha_k^{p-2} |\nabla \psi_k|^{p-1} + \alpha_k^{p-2} |\nabla b_k|^{p-1}) |\nabla \psi_k - \nabla b_k| \\ &\leq \delta C(|\nabla \psi_k|^2 + |\nabla b_k|^2) + C(\delta) |\nabla(\psi + g_k)|^2 \\ &\quad + \delta C(\alpha_k^{p-2} |\nabla \psi_k|^p + \alpha_k^{p-2} |\nabla b_k|^p) + C(\delta) \alpha_k^{p-2} |\nabla(\psi + g_k)|^p, \end{aligned}$$

recalling that, by Proposition 3, $\nabla \psi_k - \nabla b_k = \nabla(\psi + g_k)$. However, by Proposition 3, ψ_k and b_k are bounded in $W^{1,2}(Q)$, whereas $(|\nabla(\psi + g_k)|^2)$ is equiintegrable. Similarly, since $\alpha_k^{p-2} = \Lambda \eta_k^p$ we infer that $\alpha_k^{p-2} |\nabla \psi_k|^p$ and $\alpha_k^{p-2} |\nabla b_k|^p$ are bounded, whereas $\alpha_k^{p-2} |\nabla(\psi + g_k)|^p$ is equiintegrable. Hence, (f_k) is also equiintegrable and for $\varepsilon > 0$ fixed, we can find m_ε such that

$$\int_Q f_k > -\varepsilon + \int_{\{|\nabla \psi_k| < m\} \cap \{|\nabla b_k| < m\}} f_k, \quad \forall m \geq m_\varepsilon. \quad (1.17)$$

This follows as $\nabla b_k \rightarrow 0$ in measure and $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \sup_k \{|\nabla \psi_k| > r\} = 0$. Also, since $\int_Q \langle \nu_x, |\xi|^2 \rangle < \infty$, we may assume that for all $m \geq m_\varepsilon$,

$$\int_Q \langle \nu_x, D^2 \tilde{W}(H) \xi : \xi \rangle = \int_Q \langle \nu_x, D^2 \tilde{W}(H) \xi : \xi \chi_{B(0,m)}(\xi) \rangle + \varepsilon, \quad (1.18)$$

where χ_A denotes the indicator function of a set $A \subset \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$. Since $B(0, m)$ is open, for all $x \in Q$ the function $\xi \mapsto D^2 \tilde{W}(H(x)) \xi : \xi \chi_{B(0,m)}(\xi)$ is lower semicontinuous and, as $(\nabla \psi_k)$ generates $(\nu_x)_{x \in Q}$ and $H_k \rightarrow H$ in $C^0(Q)$, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_Q \langle \nu_x, D^2 \tilde{W}(H) \xi : \xi \chi_{B(0,m)}(\xi) \rangle &\leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\{|\nabla \psi_k| < m\}} D^2 \tilde{W}(H) \nabla \psi_k : \nabla \psi_k \\ &= \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\{|\nabla \psi_k| < m\}} D^2 \tilde{W}(H_k) \nabla \psi_k : \nabla \psi_k. \end{aligned} \quad (1.19)$$

Combining (1.19) with (1.18), we now infer that for all $m \geq m_\varepsilon$

$$\int_Q \langle \nu_x, D^2 \tilde{W}(H) \xi : \xi \rangle \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\{|\nabla \psi_k| < m\}} D^2 \tilde{W}(H_k) \nabla \psi_k : \nabla \psi_k + \varepsilon. \quad (1.20)$$

To conclude the proof, we next claim that

$$\frac{1}{2} \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\{|\nabla \psi_k| < m\}} D^2 \tilde{W}(H_k) \nabla \psi_k : \nabla \psi_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\{|\nabla \psi_k| < m\} \cap \{|\nabla b_k| < m\}} f_k. \quad (1.21)$$

Before proving (1.21), note that in conjunction with (1.20) and (1.17) it says that

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_Q \langle \nu_x, D^2 \tilde{W}(H(x)) \xi : \xi \rangle \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_Q f_k + \frac{3\varepsilon}{2}.$$

By taking $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$, (1.15) follows. To prove (1.21), set $A_k := \{|\nabla \psi_k| < m\}$ and $B_k := \{|\nabla b_k| < m\}$, so that

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{A_k \cap B_k} f_k &= \chi_{A_k \cap B_k} \int_0^1 (1-s) \left[D^2 \tilde{W}(H_k + s \alpha_k \nabla \psi_k) - D^2 \tilde{W}(H_k) \right] \nabla \psi_k : \nabla \psi_k ds \\ &+ \chi_{A_k} \frac{1}{2} D^2 \tilde{W}(H_k) \nabla \psi_k : \nabla \psi_k - \chi_{A_k} \frac{1}{2} D^2 \tilde{W}(H_k) \nabla \psi_k : \nabla \psi_k (1 - \chi_{B_k}) \\ &- \chi_{A_k \cap B_k} \int_0^1 (1-s) D^2 \tilde{W}(H_k + s \alpha_k \nabla b_k) \nabla b_k : \nabla b_k ds =: I_1^k + I_2^k + I_3^k + I_4^k. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, it suffices to show that $I_i^k \rightarrow 0$, for $i = 1, 3, 4$, as $k \rightarrow \infty$ which follows by dominated convergence as $\alpha_k \rightarrow 0$, $H_k \rightarrow H$ in $C^0(Q)$ and $\nabla b_k \rightarrow 0$ in measure.

Step 4: We show how (1.16) combined with Proposition 1 leads to a contradiction. By (1.2), the function $\xi \mapsto D^2 \tilde{W}(H(x)) \xi : \xi$ is quasiconvex for each $x \in Q$. Since $(\nu_x)_{x \in Q}$ is a gradient Young measure, Jensen's inequality implies

$$\int_Q c_1 |\psi|^2 + D^2 \tilde{W}(H(x)) \nabla \psi : \nabla \psi \leq \int_Q c_1 |\psi|^2 + \langle \nu_x, D^2 \tilde{W}(H(x)) \xi : \xi \rangle \leq 0,$$

by (1.16), after adding $c_1 |\psi|^2$ and integrating over Q . However, by Proposition 1,

$$\int_Q c_1 |\psi|^2 + D^2 \tilde{W}(\bar{F}(x)) \nabla \psi : \nabla \psi \geq \frac{c_0}{2} \int_Q |\nabla \psi|^2, \quad \forall \psi \in W^{1,2}(Q),$$

i.e. $\nabla\psi = 0$ and, since $\psi \in H_0^1(Q)$, $\psi = 0$. We may thus apply Proposition 2 with $a_k = \alpha_k$ and $h_k = \alpha_k\psi_k$, recalling Step 1 to infer that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \frac{c_0}{4} &\leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{c_0}{4} \int_Q |\nabla\psi_k|^2 + \alpha_k^{p-2} |\nabla\psi_k|^p \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_k^{-2} \int_Q G_{\tilde{W}}(H_k, \alpha_k \nabla\psi_k) \\ &= \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_k^{-2} \int_Q G_{\tilde{W}}(H_k, \nabla\varphi_k) + \frac{c_1}{2} |\varphi_k|^2 \leq 0, \end{aligned}$$

by (1.9) as $\alpha_k^{-1}\varphi_k = \psi_k \rightarrow 0$. This contradiction concludes the proof. \square

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